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Political Indoctrination

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1. Substance

The following are the contents of the a political examination given to members of the 1st Company, (1st Battalion, 87th Regiment, 9th Division, 1st Corps) on or about 20 November 1955:

A) April Plenary Session Literature1. Necessity of Class Education for Party Members

Class consciousness on the part of the members of the People's Armed Forces must be heightened in order to crush the imperialism of South Korea. Individual outing and wrongdoings toward the general public by the members of the People's Armed Forces and their negligence of duty are caused by the lack of class consciousness. Wrongdoings toward the general public by members of the internal affairs station in a manner analogous to those of the police during the Japanese occupation are caused by the lack of class education. Ignorant of the people's circumstances, party workers imposed excessive quotas in the 1954 grain purchasing program. Their feeble class consciousness made higher echelon party staff members content with fulfilling their responsibilities only in numerical figures, consequently rendering bureaucratic wrongs toward the general public.

2. Revolutionary Duties3. Revolutionary Motive Power

If capitalists, landlords, and former possessors of reactionary ideology should desire to become members of the People's Republic, they must be indoctrinated, so that they may become a satisfactory motive power of the revolution.

4. Nature of the Revolution

Korea, in its entirety, is now in the first stage of the revolution. North Korea is now progressing into the 2nd stage, i.e., the stage of socialism, from the 1st stage of new democracy. As means of implementing socialistic policies, farming is collectivized into the cooperative system, and factories are being nationalized.

5. Bureaucracy

While they are ignorant of the actual situation at the lower echelon, higher echelon workers are giving directives bureaucratically to lower echelon workers. Lower echelon workers are not **executing** properly the directives from higher echelon workers. These are the causes of bureaucratic wrongdoings.

6. Socialistic Economic System

In listing economic systems, there is the socialistic economic system, the small-scale commerce economic system, and the capitalistic economic system. Of these, the socialistic economic system is the very best and best suited to the people. The socialistic economic system will be realized by enlisting approximately 90 percent of the farmers into the farm cooperative and by nationalizing approximately 90 percent of all factories.

B) Life of Laborers and Farmers During the Japanese Occupation

Rations were not given regularly to laborers. Wages given to Korean laborers were less than half of what was given to the Japanese laborers. Laborers were forced to work 12-16 hours per day, sometimes even 18 hours.

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C) General KIM Il-sŏng's 20 Planks

These planks, formed sometime between 15 August 1945 (Liberation) and early 1946, were related to the fundamentals of the people's life, such as the freedom of worship. This subject was studied for approximately four (4) hours sometime in March 1955. The same subject was also studied in 1954.

D) Primary Factors Assuring Victory for North Korea

A political class, lasting approximately 30 minutes, was held sometime in September 1955. At this political class, it was stated that laborers and farmers solidly united under the leadership of Marshal KIM Il-sŏng could repel any aggression into North Korea by South Koreans. As for other factors assuring victory for North Korea, it was stated that North Korea was receiving assistance from the Soviet Union and various other democratic nations, and that there were abundant underground resources and marine products in North Korea, which were much superior to those of South Korea.

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F) March 1st Movement of 1919 (Studied in late February 1955)

The Declaration of Korean Independence was read and the beacons for Korea's independence were raised by the intellectuals, laborers, and farmers. But the intellectuals capitulated to the Japanese authorities. The movement to attain the independence of Korea resulted in failure, because there was nobody to guide farmers and laborers.

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G) Announcement by the Ministry of Electricity

The gist of this announcement, studied for approximately 30 minutes sometime in mid-October 1955, was that electrically rich North Korea proposed to supply electricity for the people in South Korea, but the South Korean puppet government refused. [redacted]
[redacted] South Korea had refused this proposal, because it had sufficient electrical supply and that the two (2) sides were politically opposed diametrically. [redacted]
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H) Minister's Order is Equal to the Injunction of the Fatherland

A Minister's order is that which is demanded by the people. Therefore, it is an injunction of the fatherland. As order given by a higher ranking officer to a private to attack and capture a certain place is not the officer's private order but it is an order coming down from very high authorities. An order from very high authorities is that which is requested by the people. In an extreme case, anybody who does not obey this order should be subjected to a people's trial. Minor cases of insubordination should also be punished.

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I) Political Studies

1. Political lectures to all non-commissioned officers of the company are given by the company political commander at the club.

2. Privates of Each Platoon

- a) Instructor: Each platoon leader 25X1
- b) Place: Each platoon leader's room. 25X1
- c) Students: Privates of each platoon.
- d) Stationary: Two (2) sheets of white paper known as "Paengno-ji" (60 by 70 centimeters) and two (2) North Korean pencils are distributed to each student monthly.
- e) Study Method: Students take notes of what is lectured by each platoon leader.

J) Political Examinations1. Composition of Examiners

- a) KIM Chong-sin (6855/6988/0207); regimental political commander; major; 25X1
- b) Political commander, 1st Battalion; major.
- c) KIM Hŭng-pok (6855/5281/2798); political commander, 1st Company; 25X1
- d) Platoon leader.

2. Examination

- a) Questions for the examination are set by the regimental political commander. Company political commanders and platoon leaders conduct examinations according to instructions given by the regimental political commander.
- b) Examinations are conducted orally.
- c) All those who are able to give answers to questions asked by an examiner raise their hands. The examiner let the answerers discuss the questions until they have given a satisfactory answer. Any platoon whose members are unable to give a satisfactory answer to a particular question is required to study the particular subject again.
- d) the duties of the revolution and the farmers' life during the Japanese occupation, which are carried in the literature of the April Plenary Session and received three (3) marks of the full five (5). The results of the examination of the 1st Platoon as a whole was average. 25X1
- e) Answer to the Question Regarding the Duties of Revolution 25X1

It is incumbent upon the People's Republic to establish socialism and liberate the South Korean people from exploitation and oppression through socialism.

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- f) [] Answer to the Question Regarding the lives of Laborers and Farmers (Source was requested to explain only the life of farmers.) 25X1

During the Japanese occupation, farmers were doubly exploited. That is, farmers paid land rent in kind to landlords, and period taxes to the Japanese government in addition. Unable to live in Korea, many poor farmers left their native places and went to Manchuria and other places.

- g) It took three (3) hours for the 1st Platoon, [] to complete the examination. 25X1

II. Time Schedule

- A) Lectures are given for two (2) hours in the morning on Wednesdays and Fridays. 25X1
- B) On one (1) subject, two (2) hours are spent for the delivery of the lecture, another two (2) hours for individual study, and another two (2) hours for discussion.
- C) Due to guard duties, soldiers miss the political class approximately twice (2) a month. In such cases, the absentee students are taught by their corporal, who is an assistant instructor, for approximately one (1) hour before supper. 25X1
- D) The corporal assistant instructor of the 1st Platoon, [] was YUN T'ae-kyu (1438/3141/NTA) [], a party member.
- E) [] the story concerning the alleged victory of the North Korean People's Republic was nothing but false propaganda designed to give spiritual armament to the people so that they would believe in Communism.

Non-Communist Publications

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III. Witnessed Leaflets

During the period of 1951 to 1953, Source saw leaflets scattered by the United Nations Armed Forces. Some of these leaflets described how farmers were oppressed by the Communists and how poor they were. Some other leaflets were meant to inform the general public of target areas of impending bombing and to warn them get away from these areas. 25X1

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